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FOR THE

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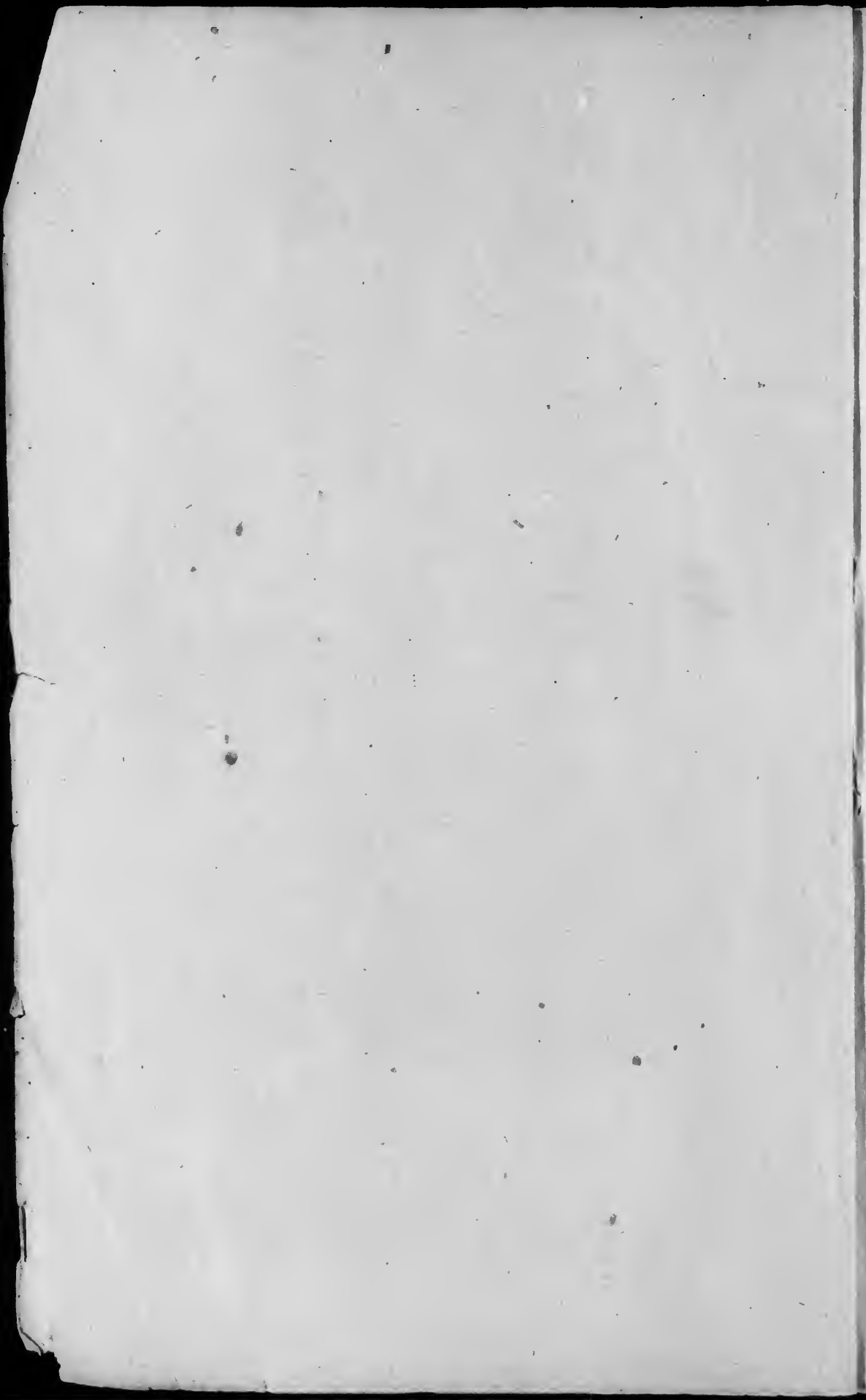
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PROCEEDINGS.

BOWDON, GA., Dec. 2d, 1875. }
10 O'CLOCK, A. M. }

The Forty-fifth Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, Georgia District, convened, pursuant to adjournment, at the M. P. Church, Bowdon, Ga., and was opened with religious services by the President, J. O. A. Radford; reading a part of the 2d chapter Philippians, singing 558th hymn, and prayer.

The following Committee on Lay Credentials was appointed by the Chair: Revs. E. Morris, T. M. Smith and E. B. Fendley.

Ministers Present—J. O. A. Radford, I. G. Mitchell, E. Morris, J. A. McGarity, W. B. Armstrong, F. H. M. Henderson, J. G. Coldwell, John Thurman, T. J. Biggers, T. M. Moore, E. B. Fendley, T. M. Smith, W. J. Causey, W. Shadrick, T. M. McCalmon.

Ministers Absent—S. C. Masters, O. Reeves, R. S. McGarity, J. A. Farrabee, F. Weldon, G. Harlin, S. Moore, J. M. Langford, G. W. Bryant, Anderson Smith, J. M. Biggers, F. M. Allen, W. S. Johnson, G. W. Morris, T. T. Key, T. Nash, S. H. Griffin.

LAY DELEGATES:

Henry Circuit—J. B. Wallace, E. Phillips.

Blooming Hill Mission—J. W. Justice, J. B. Crawford.

Spalding Circuit—C. P. Lynch.

DeKalb Circuit—Z. T. McKey, B. F. Morris, R. F. Moore.

Carroll Circuit—J. M. Adamson, G. W. Williams.

Tallapoosa Circuit—L. H. Gray.

Palmetto Circuit—J. P. Hilton, W. P. Bryant.

Hampton Station—J. B. McDaniel, Dr. Campbell.

Randolph Circuit—S. E. Knighton.

Gordon Circuit—P. R. Depriest.

On motion the election of President and Secretary was made the special order of business on Friday at 2 P. M.

The President appointed the following Committee on Pulpit Services: J. A. McGarity, J. M. Adamson, F. H. M. Henderson.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Conference took a recess until 2 P. M., to hear the Introductory Sermon, preached by Rev. I. G. Mitchell, from the 1st clause 14th v. L. Psalms.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Conference re-assembled, was called to order by the President, and a quorum being pronounced present, proceeded to business.

J. M. Adamson, on motion, was elected Assistant Secretary.

On motion the rules of order of the Forty-second Annual Conference was read and adopted, with amendments to the VII, XIII and XV added. (See the rules.)

The President appointed the following Committees :

On Journals—E. Morris, J. W. Justice, L. H. Gray.

On Orders and Itinerancy—W. B. Armstrong, F. H. M. Henderson, J. B. McDaniel.

On Boundaries—John Thurman, T. J. Biggers, T. M. Smith, J. W. Wallace, J. M. Adamson.

On Finance—F. H. M. Henderson, B. F. Morris, C. P. Lynch.

Stationing Committee—J. B. McDaniel, I. G. Mitchell, W. P. Bryant, J. W. Justice, J. A. McGarity.

On Appeals—J. A. Morris, J. M. Adamson, E. B. Fendley.

On Publication—F. H. M. Henderson, J. A. Morris, J. B. Wallace.

Standing District Committee—H. G. Andrews, I. G. Mitchell, E. Morris, B. F. Morris, L. Simpson.

Conference Steward—J. B. McDaniel.

Conf. Steward's Ass't Com.—E. Morris, J. A. McGarity, R. F. Moore.

The names of the following Ministers were called, and their characters passed : J. O. A. Radford, S. C. Masters, I. G. Mitchell, R. S. McGarity, E. Morris, J. A. McGarity, W. B. Armstrong.

J. A. Farrabee's character suspended.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 8½ A. M. to-morrow.

Preaching at 7 P. M. by Rev. T. M. Smith, from 23d chapter, 20th v. Revelation.

FRIDAY'S (2D DAY) PROCEEDINGS.

Conference convened at 8½ A. M., and was called to order by the President. The opening services conducted by Bro. Henderson.

Thursday's Minutes were read, corrected and confirmed.

The Committee on Lay Credentials presented to the Conference the name of J. B. Crawford from Blooming Hill Mission, who, on motion, was received as a delegate from that Mission.

Revs. Shadrick, Causey and T. M. Moore came in and took their seats in the Conference.

On motion, Bro. P. R. Depriest was received as a delegate from the Gordon Circuit.

The name of Bro. Henderson was called and his character passed.

Conference, on motion, took recess until 2 P. M., to attend preaching.

11 o'clock, A. M.—Sermon by Rev. John Thurman, from 13th chapt. last verse, Romans.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Conference reassembled, the President in the Chair, and a quorum present, proceeded to business.

The regular order of business, on motion, was suspended thirty minutes.

Rev. George Barge (colored) and Thos. Smith (colored) were introduced to the Conference, and received as fraternal delegates.

Rev. George Barge (colored) being called on to report the condition of his Circuit, appeared before the Conference, and reported his Circuit in good condition—52 additions and 42 baptized. He asked the prayers and the assistance of the Conference for his Circuit. His character passed.

The Conference proceeded to the election of President and Secretary, which resulted as follows: President, J. O. A. Radford; Secretary, J. A. Morris.

The examination of ministerial characters resumed, and the characters passed were: G. Harlin, John Thurman, T. J. Biggers, T. M. Moore, S. Moore, J. M. Langford, G. W. Bryant, T. T. Key, Anderson Smith, J. M. Biggers, F. M. Allen, W. S. Johnson, G. W. Morris, E. B. Fendley, T. M. Smith, W. J. Causey, W. Shadrick, T. Nash, O. Reeves.

Letters were read from Revs. O. Reeves, W. S. Johnson, F. Weldon, and referred to the Stationing Committee. Letter from G. W. Morris, on motion, was laid on the table.

The Committee on Orders and Itinerancy made the following report: We, the committee, beg leave to make the following partial report: We recommend that Rev. George Barge (colored) be ordained at the close of the 7 P. M. services, in pursuance to the action of the last Annual Conference, which elected him to Elders' orders.

W. B. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

The President, on motion, appointed the two following special committees:

On the State of the Church.—E. Morris, J. M. Adamson, J. A. McGarity, G. W. Williams, and Jno. Thurman.

On Bowdon College.—F. H. M. Henderson, B. F. Morris, J. W. Justice and I. G. Mitchell.

Conference now adjourned, with prayer by Bro. Barrow, to meet Saturday at 8½ A. M.

7 P. M.—Preaching by Rev. W. B. Armstrong, from Gal. vi: 6 and 7. After the services the President, assisted by Revs. Henderson and Armstrong, proceeded to ordain Rev. George Barge (colored) to Elders' Orders.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS—8½ A. M.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President. The opening services conducted by Bro. Thurman. The Roll was called. Friday's Journal read, corrected and confirmed.

The Committee on Journals made the following report :

"Your committee ask leave to make the following report : We have examined the Journals, and find no unfinished business ; we also find them kept in a correct, neat and business style, reflecting much credit upon our worthy Secretary. E. MORRIS, Chm'n."

Examination of ministers' characters resumed, and the name of Rev. S. H. Griffin was called ; his letter to the Conference read and referred to the Stationing Committee—but having located, his official character, by a decision of Conference, did not come before this body.

The President introduced to the Conference our venerable Bro. Tatem, an old and zealous member of the M. P. Church.

The name of Bro. Coldwell was called, and his character passed.

Rev. G. W. Morris' letter, which had been laid on the table, was on motion taken up, read, and referred to the proper committees.

On motion Conference took a recess until 2 P. M., to attend preaching.

Preaching by Rev. E. B. Fendley.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Conference re-assembled, the President in the chair, and proceeded to business.

On motion Rev. F. M. McCalman's name was placed upon the Ministers' roll, and under the stationing authority of the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was read, amended, and adopted as follows :

We, the Committee, beg leave to make the following report :

Carroll Circuit—Shady Grove, Farmville, Union and Lenity.

Bowdon Circuit—New Hope, Smith's Chapel, Temple, Antioch, Bowdon.

Tallapoosa Circuit—Pleasant Grove, Mt. Carmel, Liberty Hill, Beech Creek.

Randolph Circuit—No change.

Walton Circuit—No change.

DeKalb Circuit—No change.

Henry Circuit—No change.

Gordon Circuit—No change.

Flint River Circuit, substituted for Spalding—No change.

Walker Circuit—Bethel, Pine Grove, Shiloh, Nickajack.

Laurel Branch Circuit—No change.

Palmetto Circuit—No change.

Blooming Hill Mission—Poplar Springs and Mitchell's Chapel.

Peachtree Mission—Peachtree Church, Atlanta and surrounding country.

Hampton Station—No change.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN THURMAN, Chairman.

On motion, all ministers present of sister denominations were invited to honorary seats in the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Orders and Itinerancy was read, taken up and adopted.

We, the Committee, beg leave to make our final report:

We have examined Rev. W. J. Causey, and find him not as conversant with the Scriptures and doctrines of the Church as we think an Elder should be; but owing to the isolation of Randolph Circuit, we recommend that he be ordained Elder.

We have also examined Bros. T. M. Smith, T. M. Moore, and P. R. Depriest, and find them not sufficiently conversant with the Scriptures to state and defend the doctrines of the Church. We therefore recommend that they be not elected to Elders' Orders.

We also recommend that Rev. Waddell be placed on the list of local ministers, and Bro. P. R. Depriest's name be placed under the stationing authority of the Conference.

We further recommend that Rev. George Housworth, (colored) of Henry county, be elected to Elders' Orders, and that the President appoint three Elders to ordain him at Mt. Zion, on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in January next.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

Bros. J. B. Crawford and G. W. Bryant, on motion, were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion the ministers stated their relation to the Conference for the ensuing year.

On motion, the President was added to the Stationing Committee, and vacated the chair, which was now occupied by Bro. Henderson.

On motion, Conference adjourned, with prayer by Bro. Tumlin, to meet at 7 P. M. Preaching at 7 P. M., by Rev. T. S. Biggers.

7 P. M.—Conference convened, and was called to order by the President. On motion, Conference resolved itself into the Missionary Society. (See ministers of M. S.)

Missionary Society was dissolved, and, on motion, Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Chair, to meet at 8½ o'clock A. M., Monday.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES—10 A. M.—Sabbath School lecture by Rev. E. Morris, Sabbath School Agent.

11 A. M.—The Ordination sermon was preached by the President from 92d Ps. 12 v.; after which the President, assisted by Revs. John Thurman and Henderson, proceeded to ordain Rev. W. J. Causey to Elder's orders.

3 P. M.—Rev. W. B. Armstrong conducted the services of administering the Lord's Sacrament.

7 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. F. H. M. Henderson.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS—8½ A. M.

Conference convened, and the President being absent, Rev. E. Morris, on motion, took the Chair, and opened the Conference by reading a part of the 37th Psalm and prayer.

The Journals of Saturday were read, reconsidered and confirmed.

On motion, Rev. John T. Morris, of Texas, was invited to an honorary seat in the Conference.

The Committee on the state of the Church, made their report, which was read, re-read, and after some discussion, laid on the table.

Conference, on motion, took a recess of fifteen minutes.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rév. John T. Morris, of Texas.

Conference convened in the chapel, and was called to order by the President.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church, on motion, was taken up from the table, considered by sections, amended, and adopted as follows :

Your committee asks leave to report the following : From the several reports of the Superintendents, we are glad to find the condition of the Church, with some few exceptions, in a tolerably good condition. We recommend that Superintendents be required to organize Methodist Protestant Sabbath Schools at all their churches, as far as practicable ; and that they use their utmost exertions to increase the Sabbath School interest.

We further recommend, that Superintendents be required to labor, by all means possible, to guard our membership against the evil and pernicious practice of dram-making, drinking and selling, and to promote the cause of temperance in their several charges.

We recommend further, that Superintendents strictly observe our Book of Discipline, so as to promote uniformity of practice in our public worship.

We recommend further, that each Superintendent be required to take up a collection at each church under his charge, during the last quarter, to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the Conference.

We recommend further, that this Conference appoint a Committee, or Committees to look after Church property in this District, where the churches have become extinct, and where church property has been transferred illegally, as provided for in our Book of Discipline, on page 75, section 5. Also, that an agent be appointed and installed with trust of the Atlanta property, as the property of this Conference, and that they report their actions to the next Annual Conference.

Resolved, That this Annual Conference concur with the Joint Commission of the Methodist Protestant and Methodist churches in the recommendation of the call for a general Convention of both churches to be held in Baltimore on the 2d Friday in May,

1877, to consummate the union of the two churches ; and that the superintendents be requested to bring this matter prominently before the churches.

E. MORRIS, Chairman.

The report of the Stationing Committee was received and laid on the table.

Conference Steward made the following report, which was read, and on motion adopted.

Your Conference Steward begs leave to report :

Cash by public collection on Sunday	\$19 00
Subscription.....	3 00
Colored donation.....	5 55

Total	\$27 55
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J. B. McDANIEL, Conf. Steward.

Conference, on motion, took a recess until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Conference convened, the President in the chair, and proceeded to business.

The report of the Stationing Committee was taken up from the table, and on motion was referred back to the Committee.

On motion the President was relieved of the duties imposed upon him by the book of Discipline.

Bro. J. B. McDaniel, on motion, was appointed the agent to look after the church property in Atlanta, belonging to this Conference.

The following report of the Committee on Bowdon College, was read and adopted :

We, the Committee, beg leave to make the following report :

Whereas, a proposal was made to the Georgia and Alabama Conferences by the Trustees of Bowdon College, to turn over the franchises and property of that College to said Conferences, on condition that an annual endowment fund of two thousand dollars for ten years be subscribed ; and whereas, said proposal was formally accepted by said Conferences on the conditions named ; and whereas, commissioners were appointed by this Conference at its last session to meet the Trustees of Bowdon College in conjunction with a similar commission from the Alabama Conference, on the 23d December, 1874, to execute the transfer of said property in legal form ; and whereas, we learn in a private letter from the Secretary of the Alabama Conference that no commissioners were appointed by that Conference having power to do such business ; and whereas, on account of the failure of said appointment, and the failure of the Conferences to raise the required subscription, the legal transfer was a failure : therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That this Conference deeply regret said failure of so laudable an enterprise.

2d, That subscriptions for said purpose are not binding until the required endowment fund is raised.

3d, That it is due to the Trustees of Bowdon College to publish in our Minutes that said Conferences have no control over that College.

4th. That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered for their liberal offer.

5th. That we sympathize with the worthy officers who have labored faithfully the present year, perhaps, with some hope that the transfer would be made, and that aid would be obtained from that source, and deeply regret, by the poverty and apathy of our church, we cannot claim their labors in the service of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. M. HENDERSON, Chairman.

The following report of the Stationing Committee was read, taken up and adopted: We, the committee, beg leave to make the following report:

President—J. O. A. Radford.

Bowdon Circuit—J. A. McGarity, Supt.

Carroll Circuit—Jno. Thurman, Supt.

Tallapoosa Circuit—F. M. McCalmon, Supt.; T. J. Biggers, As't.

Gordon Circuit—To be supplied. O. Reeves and W. S. Johnson, Assistants.

Walker Circuit—George Harlin, Sup't; F. M. Alen, Ass't.

DeKalb Circuit—F. H. M. Henderson, Sup't; S. C. Masters, As't.

Henry Circuit—F. Weldon, Supt.

Flint River Circuit—To be supplied.

Walton Circuit—J. O. A. Radford, Supt.

Laurel Branch Circuit—J. M. Langford, Supt.

Randolph Circuit—W. J. Causey, Supt.

Palmetto Circuit—E. B. Fendley, Sup't; S. Moore, Ass't.

Hampton Station—J. G. Coldwell, Sup't; T. T. Key, Ass't.

Blooming Hill Mission—W. B. Armstrong, Sup't; T. M. Smith, Ass't.

Peachtree Mission—I. G. Mitchell, Supt.

Sabbath School Agent—E. Morris.

Supernumeraries—R. S. McGarity, T. M. Moore, J. M. Biggers, P. R. Depriest.

Superannuated—James R. Turner, G. W. Bryant, Anderson Smith.

Located—G. W. Morris, W. Shadrick.

Colored Charge—George Barge (colored), Supt.

“ “ James Robinson (colored), Ass't.

George Housworth (colored) left in the hands of the President.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. McDANIEL, Chairman.

On motion, Conference resolved itself into the Missionary Society.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S SESSION—7 P. M.

Proceedings of the Missionary Society.—The report of Bro. Bowie, Treasurer Missionary Society, was read, received, and, on motion, referred to a committee of three, consisting of E. Morris, J. G. Coldwell and W. B. Armstrong.

A draft, on motion, was ordered to be drawn upon the Treasurer of the Society, in favor of Bro. Armstrong, Missionary, for the funds subject to draft; also upon Bro. Armstrong in his own favor for the amount of his subscription, and interest on the same.

On motion, the Missionary funds collected by Bro. Fendley, amount \$4.30, was paid over to W. B. Armstrong.

The committee reported the following report of Bro. Bowie correct:

THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1875.

Permanent Fund.....	\$475 80
Interest on same, @ 12½ per cent.....	59 47
Balance left on hand last year, subject to draft.....	17 60

Total\$552 87

Paid out on draft..... 17 60

Balance on hand.....\$535 27

Amount of unpaid subscription.....\$90 00

Amount subject to draft..... 59 47

C. L. BOWIE, Treasurer M. S.

Statement of the amount received by Bro. Armstrong:

Draft drawn on the Treasurer this Conference.....	\$ 59 47
Cash from Bro. Fendley.....	4 30
Draft drawn on the Treasurer last Conference.....	17 60
Bro. Armstrong's subscription.....	25 00
Interest on this.....	3 12

Total amount received.....\$109 49

On motion, the Society resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to examine the subscription list to this Society. Bro. Henderson elected chairman.

On motion, the Committee of the Whole reported back to the Society as follows: .

Subscriptions withdrawn—J. A. McGarity.....	\$ 10 00
B. T. McGarity.....	10 00
J. M. Biggers.....	5 00
W. P. Bryant.....	20 00
J. A. Farrabee.....	10 00
Geo. Key.....	10 00
John Thurman.....	50 00

Amount withdrawn.....\$115 00

Amount paid.....	\$ 90 00
Amount unpaid.....	90 00

Total subscribed.....	\$295 00
Total withdrawn.....	115 00

Balance paid and unpaid.....	\$180 00
Amount paid.	90 00

Amount unpaid.....	\$ 90 00
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Which amount (\$90 00), on motion, was cancelled.

On motion, the funds collected from Missionary District, No. 1, in the hands of the Treasurer of said District, were received.

Rev. J. O. A. Radford, on motion, was appointed agent to receive and receipt for the Missionary funds, and pay over the amount received to the Treasurer of the Society.

The Executive Committee, on motion, was appointed, as follows: Ministers—J. O. A. Radford, E. Morris, and R. S. McGarity. Laymen—D. H. Mobley, R. T. Bowie, A. J. Cook.

On motion, superintendents were required to take up a collection at all their churches or appointments, for missionary purposes, during the month of January next, and forward the amounts collected to the Treasurer, C. L. Bowie, Social Circle, Ga.

MONDAY, 4 P. M.—On motion, the interest on the permanent fund was appropriated to the Blooming Hill Mission for 1876.

On motion, Peachtree Mission was relieved from the collection in January next.

On motion, fifty dollars of the amount collected in January next, was ordered to be paid over to Bro. Armstrong; if less than fifty dollars be collected, the amount collected was ordered to be paid over to him.

The Missionary Society was, on motion, dissolved, and the business of the Conference resumed.

5 P. M.—On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a rising vote of the thanks of this body be hereby tendered to the citizens of Bowdon and surrounding country for their hospitality and care given to the members of this Annual Conference.

On motion, ten dollars of the contingent fund was voted to the Secretary for his services.

A collection, on motion, was taken up to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes, and \$14.85 were collected.

The following Statistical report was prepared and read by the Secretaries :

	No. of Churches.	No. of Members.	Quart'rage	Value of Church Property.
SPALDING CIRCUIT.....	4	168	\$109 75	\$ 600 00
DEKALB CIRCUIT.....	4	261	159 20	1,725 00
WALTON CIRCUIT.....	3	251	273 00	1,000 00
HENRY CIRCUIT.....	4	168	75 00	700 00
CARROLL CIRCUIT.....	6	340	234 00	3,550 00
RANDOLPH CIRCUIT.....	3	186	80 00	800 00
PALMETTO CIRCUIT.....	6	300	232 00	2,600 00
TALLAPOOSA CIRCUIT.....	7	281	36 25	1,800 00
GORDON CIRCUIT—not received.....				
WALKER CIRCUIT—not received.....				
LAUREL BRANCH CIRCUIT—not rec'd.....				
BLOOMING HILL MISSION.....	3	174	92 00	2,400 00
HAMPTON STATION.....	1	10	122 80	1,420 00
ATLANTA STATION.....				1,000 00
TOTALS.....	41	2129	1,412 00	\$17,595 00
COLORED CHARGE.....	3	252		400 00

On motion Conference took a recess until after the 7 P. M. services.

7 P. M.—Preaching by Rev. E. B. Fendley.

8½ P. M.—Conference re-assembled, the President in the chair, and proceeded to business.

Moved and adopted, that the next Annual Conference be held at Centerville, Walton Circuit, beginning on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1876.

On motion, the name of the Missionary District Meetings was changed, and called the Conference District Meetings.

Bros. Coldwell and Adamson were appointed a Committee to divide the District into sub-districts, and the following is their report, which was read and adopted :

Your Committee beg leave to report the following :

District No. 1—Bowdon, Carroll, Tallapoosa and Palmetto Circuits.

District No. 2—Flint River, Henry Circuits, and Hampton Station.

District No. 3—DeKalb and Walton Circuits, Peachtree and B. H. Mission, and Atlanta Station.

District No. 4—Laurel Branch Circuit.

District No. 5—Randolph Circuit.

District No. 6—Gordon and Walker Circuits.

J. M. ADAMSON, Chairman.

The President appointed the following as the time for holding the District Meetings for 1876 :

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

- No. 1. At Pleasant Grove Church—Time not appointed.
 No. 2. At Mt. Carmel—Friday before 2d Sunday in Aug., 1876.
 No. 3. At Mitchell's Chapel, on Thursday before 4th Sunday in July, 1876.
 No. 6. At Mt. Hebron, on Friday before 2d Sunday in Oct., 1876.

The President appointed Rev. W. B. Armstrong to preach the introductory sermon at the next Annual Conference.

Moved and adopted that the first Sabbath in March be set apart as a day of thanksgiving and prayer; and that sister Conferences be invited to join with us in that solemn service.

Minutes were read, and on motion confirmed.

On motion Conference adjourned, with the benediction by President, to meet at Centerville, (via Social Circle) Walton county, on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1876, at 10 A. M.


J. O. A. RADFORD, President.

P. O. Social Circle, Ga.

JNO. A. MORRIS, Secretary.

P. O. Hampton, Ga.

Publishing Committee—F. H. M. Henderson, J. A. Morris, and J. B. Wallace.

 The Publishing Committee would call the attention of Stewards and Superintendents to the following assessment to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the next Annual Conference:

Bowdon Circuit.....	\$5 00	Randolph Circuit	\$3 00
Carroll Circuit.....	4 00	Tallapoosa Circuit	5 00
DeKalb Circuit.....	5 00	Walton Circuit.....	5 00
Gordon Circuit	4 00	Walker Circuit.....	3 00
Flint River Circuit.....	3 00	Blooming Hill Mission.....	3 00
Henry Circuit	3 00	Peachtree Mission.....	2 00
Laurel Branch Circuit.....	2 00	Hampton Station.....	2 00
Palmetto Circuit.....	6 00		
	<u>\$32 00</u>	Total	<u>\$23 00</u>
			\$55 00

F. H. M. HENDERSON,	} Publishing Committee.
J. A. MORRIS,	
J. B. WALLACE,	

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, of the Georgia District.

ARTICLE 2. The object of this Association shall be to raise funds for the support of missionaries to travel in the bounds of said district.

ARTICLE 3. Any person contributing one dollar shall be a member of this Society, so long as they may contribute that amount annually.

ARTICLE 4. The officers of said Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the Society.

ARTICLE 5. This Society shall meet annually at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference. The members of the Conference shall transact the business of the Association.

ARTICLE 6. Every minister shall present the object of this Association whenever practicable, and solicit contributions to carry out its object, and pay over the same to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 7. The funds contributed shall be employed in compensating such missionaries and preachers as shall be employed by the Society, or its authorities.

ARTICLE 8. The selection and appointment of Missionaries for the Association shall be made by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of six members, three ministers and three laymen, appointed by the Association, one of whom shall be President for the time being, whose duty it shall be to employ missionaries to travel within the bounds of the district, and to define their duties, and fix their compensation, and to pay over to them the same out of the moneys that may be in the treasury, and draw on the Treasurer for the same, and report to the Association annually all their acts and doings.

ARTICLE 10. The President and Secretary of the Conference shall, by virtue of their offices, be President and Secretary of the Association.

BY-LAWS OF THE GEORGIA DISTRICT.

I. No member shall take a seat as a member of the Conference until he has traveled under its authority, or the direction of the President, a sufficient time for a lay delegate to be constitutionally elected to take a seat with him: ~~provided~~, a lay delegate shall have been elected.

II. No layman shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials or satisfactory evidence of his election; and, where alternates are elected, the certificates shall so express it.

III. The lay delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected by the constitutional voters in the circuits and stations, in the following manner:

1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to notify the Societies, at his first appointment after the third quarterly meeting, that at his next appointment the election of delegates to the Annual Conference will take place in each Society.

2. The superintendent and class leader shall superintend the election, but, in case of the absence of the superintendent or class leader, or both, the Society shall appoint some person or persons to superintend the election in each Society, by receiving the tickets of all the voters, who shall then count, seal up, and transmit a full list of all the names of the voters, and the number of votes given to each person voted for, by some one appointed by the Society to the next Quarterly Conference, to be opened in the presence of the Conference, counted over by the Chairman and Secretary, assisted by two laymen; and the individual or individuals having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected, and be furnished with certificates accordingly. In case of a tie, the members of the Quarterly Conference shall decide the election by a majority of votes.

IV. The Committee on Boundaries shall so lay off the District as to give to each church Sabbath preaching, whenever practicable; and at each Conference the ministers shall be called upon to say what amount of labor they are willing to perform, and no one shall be sent more than thirty miles from home without his consent; unless he gives his whole time to the work of the ministry.

V. The Conference shall never appoint any man to itinerate, unless he intimates his willingness to labor, either verbally or by letter.

VI. It shall be the duty of ministers and preachers to read, or cause to be read, the historical preface, the second, tenth and fourteenth articles of the Constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church, once a quarter, in all our churches.

VII. The Conference will not receive into membership, or elect to orders, any preacher or minister who dissents from any of the fundamental doctrines or ordinances of our church, as set forth in our Articles of Religion:

VIII. The second article of the Constitution and the last clause of the first section of the detail Discipline, should be understood as to apply to the seekers of religion only, and that each church may admit to full membership persons applying, on their profession of faith in Christ, and a knowledge of their sins forgiven:

IX. The President has no power, during recess of the Conference, to appoint any minister or preacher to a circuit or station, without consulting said circuit or station, or its authorities, unless the delegates from said circuit or station consent thereto; when the report of the Standing Committee may be adopted by the Conference.

X. It shall require a majority of all votes of all the members present, to constitute an election in the Conference.

XI. The ministers, preachers and members of the Methodist Protestant Church shall take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper conjointly.

XII. When practicable, the ordination of our ministers shall take place on Sabbath, during the session of Conference.

XIII. In case of the death of any of our ministers in the interval of Conference, it shall be the duty of the President at the next session, to appoint some brother to preach a funeral discourse, as a tribute of respect to the deceased, at some hour during the sitting of Conference.

XIV. Each church shall elect and send up a delegate to the Quarterly Conference, or as soon thereafter as practicable, whose duty, when assembled, it shall be to apportion the preachers' salary among the churches, in proportion to their numbers and their ability to pay, and that each church appoint a Steward to collect the same. Should the pecuniary of the circuit render any other plan more efficient to carry out the object contemplated, the churches should pursue the course which to them may seem best.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The Conference shall be opened by the President, or in his absence, by the Secretary, by reading a portion of the Scriptures and prayer, and adjourn by singing and prayer.

II. The roll shall be called; and when a quorum is present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read, and any member may call for a reconsideration of any portion of minutes of the preceding day.

III. When any member is disposed to speak, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President.

IV. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the person entitled to proceed.

V. All questions shall be distinctly and audibly put in this form by the President: All who are in favor of the motion say aye, those of the contrary opinion, nay; and every member of the body shall vote on all questions of business relating to the Conference, unless excused.

VI. No member shall be permitted to speak more than once, until all who wish shall have spoken; and no member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at each time, without the consent of the Conference.

VII. The motion shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and seconded, if required by the President or any member.

VIII. All motions made and seconded shall be stated by the President, or if in writing, shall be read, audibly, by the Secretary, before debated; and when any question is under debate, no motion shall be admitted, unless to amend, commit, adjourn, or for the previous question, *provided*, a standing committee shall be in order to report at any time.

IX. The last motion, most distant time, and largest sum, shall be first in order, but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order without debate.

X. Should any member differ from the President on a rule of order, the question shall be submitted to the Conference.

XI. No member shall withdraw during business hours, without leave from the President.

XII. The President shall, at all times, see that good order is preserved.

XIII. The proceedings of the Conference shall be recorded in a fair hand by the Secretary, and signed by the President and Secretary.

XIV. The Secretary shall take charge of all the books, journals, records and proceedings of the Conference, and carry or transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

XV. The order of business as laid down in the Discipline, shall be the order of business of this Conference.

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